

A RESOURCES MINING COLONY,  
ASTEROID "TAIRA" IN THE ARIN STAR SYSTEM



AND DO THEY REALLY HAVE TO TEST IT NOW? WHEN WE HAVE LIMITED MOVEMENT DUE TO THE SOLAR WIND

FORGET MOVEMENT, OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE ALSO



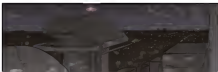
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KNIGHT RUN

"PRAY"

PART - 6

"SIGN"





I AM EXHAUSTED FROM  
THE ENDLESS BATTLES  
I DON'T SEE ANY REASON  
TO GO THERE AND  
KICK THEIR ASSES



OMIGOD  
PLEASE WATCH  
YOUR TONGUE  
WHEN YOU  
SPEAK THESE

NO  
GUARANTEES



OH COME ON, PLEASE.  
WE'RE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
EASTERN KNIGHTS.  
I'M ONLY ASKING YOU  
TO BEHAVE ACCORDING  
TO YOUR POSITION  
IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?



YOU'RE WORSE AT IT  
FORGIVING THEIR ASSES  
WITH YOUR PRETTY SMILE  
SERVING TO THEIR NEEDS.  
IT'S A PERFECT  
JOB FOR YOU.

IF WE  
WEREN'T ADDING  
TO A PARTY, I WOULD  
TOTALLY LEAVE A  
MARK ON YOUR FACE.  
IT'S A WARNING.

I TELL YOU  
WE ARE THE ONES  
WAITING FOR A FUROR  
AND YOU ARE  
THE CANDIDATE FOR  
THE NEXT HEAD OF  
THE CARTOON  
KNIGHTS  
YOU HAVE TO LEARN  
THE HARD THINGS

KROOOA

WHO ARE YOU?  
MY BOAT?

WHY DON'T YOU  
FEED ME TOO

I'M GOING  
KILL YOU.



WHAT  
IS THIS?

IT IS LIKE  
A HOLDSWARMING PARTY.

WHY ARE WE  
ATTENDING THIS  
CHILDREN ONLY?

THERE IS  
NOTHING  
BUT ALCOHOL  
ON THE TABLE.

WELL,  
THIS IS EXACTLY  
WHAT I EXPECTED.

IT PERFECTLY  
SUITS HER TASTE.

ENOUGH PARTY  
PLUS THE DRINKS  
DONE.



I CAN SEE  
SOME PEOPLE OF  
HIGH RANK  
FROM BOTH THE  
ALLIED FORCES AND  
THE ENCHANTS—  
BUT THEY HARDLY  
SEEM TO BE...

THEY  
HAD BEEN  
BLESSSED

SUITS ARE FOR  
THIS PARTY

THOSE  
THEY  
ARE.

LET'S WELCOME THE  
HEROES OF  
VOID BATTLE.











YEA I'M BAD  
I HAVE TO  
PAY OFF  
MY CREDIT

I WON'T FEEL  
SATISFIED UNTIL  
I'VE KICKED HER ASS  
BEFORE SHE QUILTS

I'LL TEACH HER  
THAT I'M NOT  
THE BANG GUY



...FROM THE  
LEONHARD FAMILY?

IS HE THE ONE  
WHO IS GOING TO BE  
THE NEXT HEAD OF  
THE EASTERN KNIGHTS,  
THE GENIUS DANIEL?

MAYBE IT'S SOME KIND  
OF DEMONSTRATION FOR  
THE OTHER KNIGHTS. HE WANTS  
TO SHOW THEM THAT HE HAS  
HIS WINGS.

HE'S SHOWING OFF.

I SEE.

SO WHO  
IS THE OPPONENT?

UH-OH. THIS IS  
NOT GOOD.

OF ALL PEOPLE...

OF ALL OCCASIONS...





HE WAS BORN WITH  
BUTTERFLY POWER,  
PHYSICAL TOOLS  
AND EXCELLENT  
COMBAT  
SKILLS FROM  
THE LEONARDO  
BLOODLINE.  
HE WAS TOO  
Proud OF IT.  
BECAUSE OF THAT,  
HE GROW UP  
WITHOUT ANY  
Obstacles.

I WANTED TO  
TEACH HER  
HUMILITY.

I THINK IT WAS  
HER FIRST TIME  
LOSING WITHOUT  
EVEN A CHANCE OF  
FIGHTING BACK.



AFTER HIS  
DISASTROUS DEFEAT,  
HE'S BEEN TRAINING  
SERIOUSLY.

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HE HAS BECOME A REALLY  
STRONG WARRIOR AND EVEN  
I CAN'T KEEP UP  
WITH HIM.



YOUR FEATHERS  
WAS FINE STOOD.

IF YOU WERE ABOUT  
10 YEARS YOUNGER,  
I WOULD TOTALLY  
ARE YOU OUT

SHUT UP  
YOU SHOULD HAVE  
KISS HIM  
10 YEARS AGO  
INSTEAD OF  
DISAPPOINTING  
IT NOW



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. IF  
I DID, THAT KID WOULD  
HAVE CUT ME.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE  
OF ALL THE DEPT AND MUD,  
WE LOOKED LIKE WE'D BEEN  
TO HELL AND BACK



YOU COOKED MOLES  
AND ATE THEM 'CAUSE  
THE SUPPLY SHIP  
WAS CLUTTER.  
THERE COULDN'T BE  
ANY ROMANCE  
BETWEEN US.

I'M SORRY



SHUT IT.  
YOU WERE CHEWING  
ALMOST'S SHOWN  
AT THE CAMP  
WITH THE WESSEST  
LOOK ON YOUR FACE



AFTER THAT, I HEARD FROM JUNG  
THAT YOU BECAME A VEGETARIAN.  
I STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT  
YOU WERE CHANGING YOUR  
SPECIALTY TO CHAPLAIN.

BUT SID OF YOUR  
EARTHLY DESIRES AND  
BECOME ONE WITH NATURE.

I'D APPRECIATE IT  
IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE  
SUCH REALISTIC  
CHARGES.

YES, MASTER.

I ASKED YOU BEFORE,  
BUT WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

THE EASTERN KNIGHTS  
HAD LEASH THEM  
150 OFFICIAL KNIGHTS AT  
THE BEGINNING OF ALL THIS  
AND WE'VE LOST  
TOO MANY KNIGHTS  
IN THE BATTLE.

I NEED TO ASK  
THE NORTHERN KNIGHTS  
FOR SUPPORT.  
THE EASTERN KNIGHTS'  
SITUATION IS  
GETTING WORSE.

EVEN IF THE CENTRAL  
KNIGHTS SEND US MEMBERS,  
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TRAINERS  
TO TRAIN THEM.



THAT'S WHY  
I'M HERE TO SIDE  
WITH THE TITLE  
OF ACTING  
DEPUTY HEAD

YOUR DECISION AND  
COMPETENCE TELL ME THAT YOU  
HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS  
OF AN ACTUAL DEPUTY HEAD

THERE WERE BEEN TOO  
MANY WORDS OF POSSIBLE FOR ME  
I DON'T WANT BE THE ONE

I'M SHOWING LET DANIEL  
DO IT LETTING THE DECISION  
THAT WANT IS TO DO IT,  
DANIEL RIGHT



ARE YOU OK  
WITH THAT?

I'LL FULLY  
SUPPORT HER

WE'LL HAVE THAT  
BROTHERLY LOVE

STILL HAVE THAT  
BROTHERLY LOVE.

HEARD YOU'RE NOT  
WORKING IN THE FIELD  
BUT IT'S SAID YOU  
KILLED THE MONSTER  
QUEEN.

WHAT'S MORE,  
I HEARD YOU SLEPT  
A TWO-DECKT HIGH  
LEVEL MONSTER.



THAT IS SOMETHING  
THAT EVEN A MASTER KNIGHT OR  
AN ACTIVE DUTY KNIGHT WOULD  
HAVE TROUBLE WITH  
AND SINCE IT WAS A REGULAR KNIGHT  
EVERYBODY  
IS TALKING ABOUT IT.

THE QUEEN WAS VERY WEAK  
AND HER BLOOD WAS LOW.

SHE CAN'T BE COMPARED TO  
THE HIGH RANK MONSTERS  
THAT YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH.  
BUT THINKING ABOUT THE COSTS AND  
CASUALTIES NEEDED TO  
TAKE ONE QUEEN DOWN,  
THAT WAS A MARVELOUS FEAT.

AND THANKS TO  
YOUR STRATEGY, THE  
ALLIED FORCES WERE  
BARELY DAMAGED. ONLY  
THE 6TH BRIGADE WAS  
DEFEATED BY THE  
EX-TYPE 2000.



SOMEHOW I END UP SAVING  
ALL THE CORPSES.

BY THE WAY,  
I HEARD THIS GLEEN HAD  
AN ELITE EX-TYPE ZERO MONSTER.  
THEIR RANK IS AROUND C-02

THAT MADE THE BATTLE  
MORE DIFFICULT, I REMEMBER

THE EX-TYPE ZERO ANNIHILATED  
ONE SQUADRON AND DROVE THEIR SECOND  
TROOPS TO THE BRINK OF TOTAL DEFEAT

EX-TYPE ZERO "BLUEBONNET"  
THAT THING CAUSED  
21 CASUALTIES...

THE KNIGHTS WERE  
NO MATCH FOR BLUEBONNET.  
FIVE WERE DEAD, AND THE REST OF  
THEM WERE SERIOUSLY  
WOUNDED

AND THANKS TO LEO,  
THE CASUALTIES WERE LOW

LEO ALSO KILLED THE EX-TYPE ZERO

WE CALLED OUT  
A LOT OF KNIGHTS TO  
THE BATTLE BECAUSE WE KNEW THERE WERE  
MANY HIGH LEVEL MONSTERS  
BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW  
THERE WAS AN EX-TYPE ZERO THAT  
ENDANGERED CAUSED US MANY CASUALTIES

INCLUDING THE 8 KNIGHTS WHO DIED IN  
THE BATTLE WITH THE HIGH LEVEL MONSTERS.  
THE KNIGHTS HAD MANY CASUALTIES





BUT WE HAVE SOME  
POSITIVE PROSPECTS.

YEAH.  
THIS WAS  
LUDO'S FIRST  
EX-TYPE ZERO  
WARRIOR,  
AND HE  
ACHIEVED  
EXCELLENT  
RESULTS.

HE SPLENDIDLY  
EARNED  
THE TITLE  
"ZERO BREAKER".  
THERE IS NO  
DOUBT THAT  
HE IS  
THE YOUNGEST  
MASTER KNIGHT.



HE IS TRULY  
A GENIUS.

WELL,  
GENIUSES  
TEND TO GET  
NOTICED  
QUICKLY.



OR IS IT BECAUSE  
YOU TRAINED HIM,  
SINCE HE'S  
JANE AYER'S DISCIPLE.

I'M GOING TO SAY  
HIS FUTURE IS VERY  
BRIGHT BUT LUDO'S SISTER  
WOULD TELL YOU  
IF SHE KNEW  
ABOUT THIS.

Y... YEAH  
BUT IT'S  
A SECRET.



I DON'T THINK THERE  
TITLED COMRADE  
TO WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

PLEASE DON'T.



WHEN  
A GREAT  
NUMBER OF  
KNIGHTS  
WITH LARGE  
SCALE SUPPORT  
MANAGE TO DEFEAT  
AN EX-TYPE ZERO,  
PEOPLE MONICER  
THEIR VICTORY  
BY CALLING THEM  
"ZERO BREAKERS",  
"GENIUSES",  
OR "MASTER KNIGHTS",  
EVEN "HEROS".  
GUT...

NO ONE  
COULD MATCH  
I ON I WITH  
AN EX-TYPE ZERO  
EXCEPT THE  
HEAD OF THE  
CENTRAL KNIGHTS  
AND A FEW  
HAUSTED KNIGHTS

ALL OF THEM HAVE  
THE RIGHT POSITIONS  
FOR THEIR ABILITIES

EXCEPT  
FOR YOU  
AND POLY

I THOUGHT  
FOR SURE THAT  
YOU WERE GONNA BE  
THE NEXT HEAD  
OF THE CENTRAL  
KNIGHTS

YOU WERE AMAZING  
WHEN YOU WERE STILL  
IN SERVICE

EVERYBODY  
ADMIRED  
YOU

INCLUDING ME

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THOSE THINGS THAT PEAK STARTED, YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRAL KNIGHTS

THE SITUATION WOULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT THAN IT IS NOW

ISN'T ALL OF THAT STUFF PREHISTORIC?

THE HELLOSH "VELCHEE'S WARFARE" WAS THE WORST NIGHTMARE OF ALL AND THOSE WHO DOMINATED THE BATTLE ADHERE YOU AS A LEGENDARY WARFARER

## VELCHEE'S WARFARE

ONE-THIRD OF THE ALLIED FORCES WAS DESTROYED. 5 PLANETS AND 15 RESOURCE ASTEROIDS WERE COLONIZED BY THE MONSTERS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE WORST BATTLES OF ALL TIME.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE CENTRAL KNIGHTS DIED IN THAT BATTLE.

THE KNIGHTS SO CALLED "HEROES" WERE WIPE OUT. IT WAS A HORRID SIGHT.

THERE WERE TWO ELLIS-TYPE TWIN QUEENS: "E-99", "E-101", WHO WERE CLASSIFIED S-RANK. THEY EXTENDED THEIR POWER TO LV.7 AND THE PLANTS ON THE PARASITIC PLANETS WERE LAUNCHING MILLIONS OF ANTAGONIST MONSTERS THROUGH THE SKY. IT DIDN'T SEEM REAL.

THE SKY WAS AS BRIGHT AS DAY BECAUSE  
OF THE BATTLE IN SPACE AND THE SOUND  
WAS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS  
FULL OF THE MONSTER'S  
DESTRUCTIVE TRAILS

IT WAS LITERALLY  
HELL

AT THAT TIME,  
I NATURALLY THOUGHT THAT  
WE WERE GOING DIE  
WITHIN A MONTH

I SAW  
ONE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CRUSH FOUR HORTON-CLASS  
BATTLE CRUISERS IN 3 SECONDS  
IT WAS TRULY UNBELIEVABLE

THEN I THOUGHT  
I SHOULD CHANGE  
THE MONTH TO A WEEK



I WAS OVERWHELMED  
BY THEIR POWER

THE TWO BUREAUS CONSTRUCTED A GREAT ARMY  
AND PRODUCED A HUGE AMOUNT OF HIGH-LEVEL  
KNIGHTS BY PARASITING PLANETS AT A  
TERRIFICALLY FAST SPEED. ON TOP OF THAT

THESE TWO BUREAUS COULD USE EX-TYPE  
ZEROS WERE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS

THEIR STRENGTH WAS  
ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL

TWO EX-TYPE ZEROS  
THE POWER OF THEIR KING IN HISTORY

THE STRONGEST EX-TYPE ZERO. THERE  
ARE NOT MANY OF THEM CLASSIFIED AT AN  
SS-RANK IN THE HISTORY OF THIS WAR

CROSS EYE ALPHA

CROSS EYE BETA

EVEN THE MOST SKILLFUL AND MOST POWERFUL SOLDIERS  
COULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN ONE KNIGHT WHO WAS ASSASSINATED

THIS WAS THE ULTIMATE WHY

THE KNIGHTS WERE SHOT OR BURNED UNTIL TODAY

EVEN THOUGH  
THEY WEREN'T MASS  
PRODUCED MONSTERS,  
A THOUSAND OF THEM  
WERE HIGH LEVEL TYPES  
AND MOST OF ALL, HALF OF  
THOSE THINGS WERE "1-ON-1" TYPES  
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS BEFORE

POORLY SPEAKING,  
I THOUGHT THAT  
WE HAD NO CHANCE  
OF BEATING THEM

"MOSTLY, LOW-MID-LEVEL TYPE  
MONSTERS ARE STRONGER THAN 1 ON  
MORE DEBIT TYPES. BUT NOT ALWAYS





ONLY YOU TWO, WITH VENERABLE BOTS,  
RUSHED HEAD-ON INTO THE ENEMY WITHOUT HESITATING

FROM THE MOMENT  
YOU GUYS STARTED  
FIGHTING, THE BATTLE  
TOOK ON MYTHOLOGICAL  
PROPORTIONS



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COULDN'T  
HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT POLY



WELL,  
EVERYBODY  
KNOWS  
SHE IS  
A MONSTER

CAN WE STOP WITH  
THE ENCAPSULATING  
BATTLE STORIES  
FROM THE PAST

LET'S GET DOWN  
TO BUSINESS  
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

OH, SORRY  
I DISRESPECTED  
YOU A WHILE



WOULD YOU BE  
THE DEPUTY HEAD OF  
THE EASTERN  
KNIGHTS?







JINME, I WANT YOU  
TO LEAD  
THE EASTERN  
KNIGHTS  
AND DANTEL.



YOU COULD PUT  
THE POPE-STYLE  
ART OF SWORD  
INTO THE OFFICIAL  
CURRICULUM



PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT  
BECAUSE IT IS  
NOTORIOUSLY  
POPE'S ART OF SWORD  
AND IT'S NOT  
EASY TO LEARN BUT

I'VE ADMIRER  
THE POPE-STYLE  
ART OF SWORD THAT  
YOU THEORIZED  
FOR A LONG TIME  
IT'S GOING TO BE  
A HUGE BLESS  
TO THE EASTERN KNIGHTS  
IF YOU ACCEPT  
MY INVITATION



I

YOU CAN COME WITH POPE  
HIS CONFINEMENT  
WILL BE OVER SOON, SINCE  
THE CENTRAL  
KNIGHTS DON'T SEEM LIKE  
THEY WANT TO CONFINED HER IN  
THEIR TERRITORY ANYMORE

SO IF WE  
SUGGEST THAT WE WANT TO  
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR POPE  
THEY WOULD BLINDLY  
ACCEPT IT



IF YOU CAN  
CONTROL HER



NO



THAT WORD  
CAN BE VERY  
INSULTING

YOUR FATHER'S  
SOUNDING BAD  
AT ME

I SAW HIM  
AT THE SEARCHER  
ON BEHAVIOR PATTERNS  
OF ANTAGONISTS

SHE IS THE FIRST  
DAUGHTER OF THE  
SOLE FAMILY WHO DEVED  
ADVENT KNIGHT, RIGHT?

SHE COULDN'T  
TAKE HER EYES  
OFF YOU  
SHE REALLY  
LOVES YOU

SHE IS A PURE LADY  
SHE IS THE TYPE  
THAT CAN BE EASILY  
WOUNDED

IS SHE? SHE NO I DO SHOULDERS  
HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES FROM  
BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES.

SHE DO NOT  
THAT POSSIBLE  
I PENDING

AND...  
I...

HEHE?





ANYWAYS,  
SOME

MAY I HAVE  
THIS CHANCE?





GATE WARP SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN

IT FORMED THE FIELD  
THE GATE IS OPENING

GATE AHEAD  
IN THE NEXT.

OH! GOOD SHE TO  
THIS HARD CHAIR

WHEN WE MOVE  
LET'S PARTY

BUT SOMETHING  
IS WRONG

WHAT IS IT?

THE GATE WAS OPENED  
PROPERLY BUT I AM HEARING  
A LOT OF NOISE  
FROM THE FADING  
FIELD MACHINE

WE CAN COVER  
THE NOISE  
WITH THE SHIELD OF  
THIS BATTLE COUPOIS  
BUT IT IS NOT QUITE  
SILENT ENOUGH

THE WARP SEQUENCE  
HAS ALREADY BEGUN  
SO WE CAN'T STOP IT  
NOW

WHAT'S GOING ON?  
SOMETHING'S WRONG.

WE DON'T HAVE  
MUCH OF A CHOICE  
IN THIS PROCEEDING.  
ALL WE CAN DO  
IS WAIT.

BUT FOR  
THE TIME  
BEING...

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO USE  
THE BRIDGE LIKE THIS. LOOK AT  
THESE BACK ISSUES OF "NIGHTS".

I HAVE NOTHING  
TO DO, SO I'M BORROWED.  
I CAN'T OPEN THE NORMAL CHANNEL  
TO TALK TO SOMEONE ON THE BRIDGE...  
THERE ARE THE ONLY CHOICES  
FROM THE PUBLIC BOOKSHELF.

HAIR?

OH,  
THIS ONE  
IS VERY OLD.

ARE THEY THE HEROES  
OF "THE BATTLE WELCHER"...

THEY ARE REALLY DISAPPOINTED  
NOW THEY'RE  
HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS  
LIKE CHIEF  
AND "REPRESENTATIVE"...

EXCEPT ANNE AND  
POKY. IT'S SAID THAT  
ANNE AND POKY HAVE  
NOT BEEN REWARDED FOR  
THEIR ACTIONS.

save the world?

THEY'RE GOING  
TO RETIRE FROM THE BATTLE FIELD  
I THINK THAT'S GOOD FOR THEM

THEY CAN  
RECOVER FROM THEIR BATTLE  
SCARS AT HOME AND  
RUN SOME CAFE TOGETHER. THAT'S  
NOT TOO SHABBY I THINK.

WHAT CAFE?

YOU DON'T NEED  
TO KNOW ABOUT IT.